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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN REACTION TO SMITH'S REJECTION OF RICHARD
PROPOSALS

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1. TO DATE AT LEAST TANZANIAN REACTION TO SMITH'S REJECTION OF
IVOR RICHARD PROPOSALS SEEMS TO BE MUCH LESS BITTER AND
VIOLENT THAN THAT IN OTHER PARTS NATIONALIST AFRICA. SO FAR NO
SIGNIFICANT SUGGESTION OF TRICKERY OR COLLUSION BY EITHER UK OR
US HAS EMERGED. THERE IS, OF COURSE, CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS
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ON KEY ROLE THAT MUST BE PLAYED BY FIGHTERS BUT THIS HAS ALWAYS
BEEN DOMINANT THEME HERE -- EVEN WHEN HOPES FOR GENEVA WERE
HIGHEST. MAIN THEME IS SIMPLY THAT "SMITH HAS PROVEN HIMSELF
TO BE SMITH AS WE ALWAYS KNEW HE WOULD."

2. AS TO WHAT SHOULD BE DONE NEXT, TANZANIANS AT MOMENT AT
LEAST HAVE VERY SPECIFIC FORMULA: BRITISH MUST CONTINUE TO

NEGOTIATE WITH AFRICAN NATIONALISTS TO PRODUCE AGREED PACKAGE FOR TRANSITION GOVERNMENT AND INDEPENDENCE. IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT PACKAGE WILL CONSTITUTE A SECOND PHASE, DURING WHICH MAXIMUM MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE WILL AGAIN BE FOCUSED ON SMITH. UNUSUALLY LUCID EXPOSITION OF THIS APPROACH APPEARED IN LEAD EDITORIAL DAILY NEWS JANUARY 28 (REFTEL. WE BELIEVE IT CAN BE CONSIDERED AUTHENTIC REFLECTION OF TANGOV LINE AS IT PARALLELS VERY CLOSELY PRESIDENT NYERERE'S THINKING ON SITUATION AS GIVEN PRIVATELY TO AMBASSADOR PREVIOUS EVENING.

3. HOW LONG TANGOV CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS WILL LAST IN FACE OF INTENSE BITTERNESS, FRUSTRATION, AND SUSPICION BEING EXPRESSED ELSEWHERE (E.G., LUSAKA 0255) IS UNCERTAIN. EQUALLY UNCLEAR TO US HERE IS WHETHER OR NOT NEW TANZANIAN FORMULA FOR NEGOTIATIONS HOLDS ANY REAL PROMISE IN OVERALL CONTEXT OF RHODESIAN SITUATION. HOWEVER, THE DESIRE TO CONTINUE EFFORTS ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT -- AS OPPOSED TO RELYING SOLELY ON THE MILITARY ONE -- IS STILL STRONG HERE.
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